

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. – 50. (Canceled)

51. (New) A program implementation entity comprising:
a plurality of programs, wherein each program is configured to include a manager, supporting suppliers and supporting vendors;
a management system comprising:
an authentication entity configured to authenticate program managers, users, supporting vendors, and supporting suppliers;
an initialization entity configured to initiate a program upon receiving an initialize request from a user authorized to access the program;
a reviewing entity configured to perform program information review upon receiving a review request from the user authorized to access the program;
a monitoring entity configured to monitor program information upon receiving a monitor request from a supporting supplier or supporting vendor authorized to access the program information; and

a program management entity configured to manage a program and access program information upon receiving a program management request from a program manager authorized to access the program.

52. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 51 further comprising:

a service provider gateway (SPG) configured to link at least one service provider to the management system, wherein the SPG provides an interface and facilitates interaction with selected program information and wherein the at least one service provider engages at least one supplier or vendor to support the program.

53. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 51 further comprising:

the authentication entity configured to authenticate at least one non-supporting supplier or non-supporting vendor; and

the reviewing entity further configured to perform program information review upon receiving a review request from the at least one non-supporting supplier or non-supporting vendor authorized to access the program information.

54. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 53, wherein the program information includes program benchmarking information, wherein

program benchmarking information includes at least one of spending levels, relative spending percentages, or program progress indications.

55. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 51, wherein the program implementation entity is accessed via a network, wherein the network includes the Internet.

56. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 55, wherein the program implementation entity is accessed by authorized users including at least one of clients, associates, program managers, supporting suppliers and supporting vendors, non-supporting clients and non-supporting vendors, via the network, wherein the program implementation entity provides information to the users and receives information from the users.

57. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 56 further comprising:

a delivery management system configured to provide each authorized user with a securely delivered user specific dynamic web page, wherein the user specific dynamic web page provides each user with access to information and applications.

58. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 57, wherein the delivery management system automatically provides authorized users access to

strategic services from at least one strategic service provider (XSP), based on the authorized user's requirements.

59. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 58 further comprising:

a data repository accessible to authorized users.

60. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 58 further comprising:

a meeting operations center (MOC) configured to provide meeting planner activity aggregation.

61. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 58 further comprising:

a proprietary applications entity configured to provide applications to aggregate information and enable financial performance analysis.

62. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 61, wherein the proprietary applications entity includes a physician services program (PSP) configured to manage meetings between physicians and users.

63. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 62, wherein financial performance metrics and benchmarks are managed by the MOC and the PSP.

64. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 62, wherein the MOC includes a MOC database within the data repository including staged data of various program stages, conversion tables for converting data into compatible formats and attendee masters tables for monitoring programs.

65. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 64, wherein the MOC is further configured to maintain at least one of estimated, working or actual budgets for a program, and maintain a revision history of budgets during a program stage.

66. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 65, wherein the MOC includes a data exchange configured to standardize and scrub data by applying Extensible Markup Language (XML) tags to corresponding data that is pushed or pulled through the MOC.

67. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 51 further comprising:

an information control component configured to provide information check-out and check-in capability to users.

68. (New) A method for implementing a plurality of programs comprising:

authenticating program managers, users, supporting vendors, and supporting suppliers;

initiating a program upon receiving an initialize request from a user authorized to access the program;

performing program information review upon receiving a review request from the user authorized to access the program;

monitoring program information upon receiving a monitor request from a supporting supplier or supporting vendor authorized to access the program information; and

managing a program and accessing program information upon receiving a program management request from a program manager authorized to access the program.

69. (New) The method of claim 51 further comprising:
linking at least one service provider to a management system,

providing an interface and facilitating interaction with selected program information, wherein the at least one service provider engaging support of at least one supplier or vendor to support the program.

70. (New) The method of claim 51 further comprising:
authenticating at least one non-supporting supplier or non-supporting vendor; and
performing program information review upon receiving a review request from the at least one non-supporting supplier or non-supporting vendor authorized to access the program information.

71. (New) The method of claim 70, wherein the program information includes program benchmarking information, wherein program benchmarking information includes at least one of spending levels, relative spending percentages, or program progress indications.

72. (New) The method of claim 68, further comprising:
accessing a program implementation entity via a network, wherein the network includes the Internet.

73. (New) The method of claim 72 further comprising:

accessing the program implementation entity by authorized users including at least one of clients, associates, program managers, supporting suppliers and supporting vendors, non-supporting clients and non-supporting vendors, via the network;

providing information to the users; and
receiving information from the users.

74. (New) The method of claim 72 further comprising:
providing each authorized user with a securely delivered user specific dynamic web page, wherein the user specific dynamic web page provides each user with access to information and applications.

75. (New) The method of claim 74, further comprising:
automatically providing authorized users access to strategic services from at least one strategic service provider (XSP), based on the authorized user's requirements.

76. (New) The method of claim 75 further comprising:
accessing a data repository accessible to authorized users.

77. (New) The method of claim 75 further comprising:
providing meeting planner activity aggregation.

78. (New) The method of claim 75 further comprising:
providing applications to aggregate information and enabling financial
performance analysis.

79. (New) The program implementation entity of claim 78 further
comprising:
managing meetings between physicians and users.

80. (New) The method of claim 79, further comprising:
managing financial performance metrics and benchmarks.

81. (New) The method of claim 79, further comprising:
storing staged data of various program stages, conversion tables for
converting data into compatible formats and attendee masters tables for monitoring
programs in a data repository.

82. (New) The method of claim 81 further comprising:
maintaining at least one of estimated, working or actual budgets for a
program, and maintaining a revision history of budgets during a program stage.

83. (New) The method of claim 82, further comprising:

standardizing and scrubbing data by applying Extensible Markup Language (XML) tags to corresponding data that is pushed or pulled through the MOC.

84. (New) The method of claim 68 further comprising:
providing information check-out and check-in capability to users.